

## SCHOOL-RELATED INDICATORS

During the 2002-2003 school year, more than 53,500 students attended Chesterfield County's 59 public schools. The following indicators provide information about academic success and about children who are at risk of not succeeding in school, who have dropped out of school, or who have been involved in school disciplinary actions.

The average SAT score for 2003 Chesterfield County Public School graduates was 1019. This is a 12-point increase from the average SAT score for 2002. The average for Virginia in 2003 is 1024 and the national average is 1026. More than half of graduates plan to attend four-year colleges and another fifth plan to attend two-year colleges.

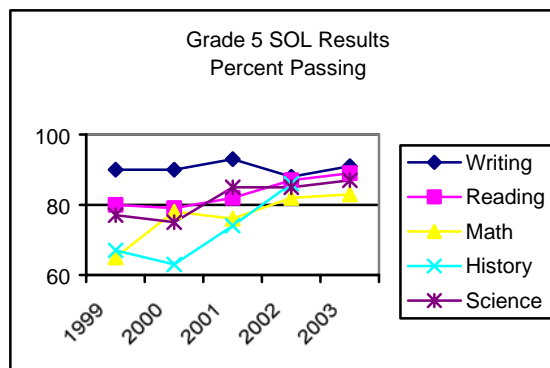
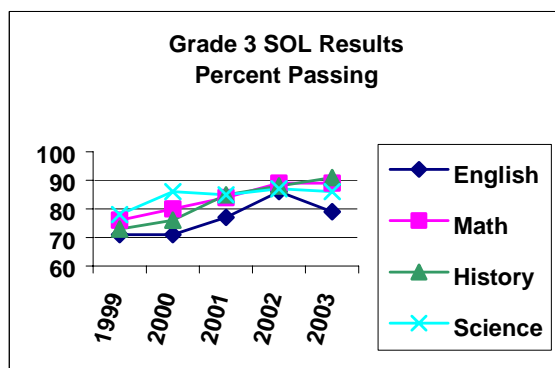
### Standards of Learning (SOL) Percent Passing

Chesterfield Co. Public Schools	GRADE 3					GRADE 5				
Percent passing	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
English	71	71	77	86	79					
Writing						90	90	93	88	91
Reading						80	79	82	87	89
Math	76	80	84	89	89	65	78	76	82	83
History	73	76	85	88	91	67	63	74	86	85**
Science	78	86	85	87	86	77	75	85	85	87

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools

\* Third graders do not take separate writing and reading tests. They take one comprehensive English test.

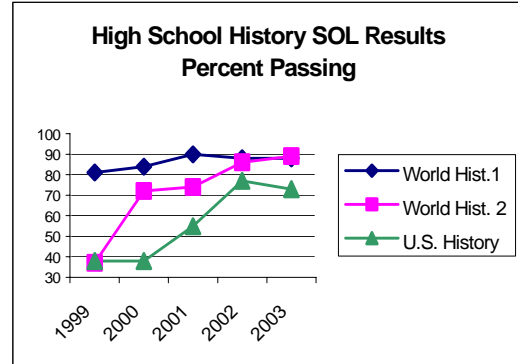
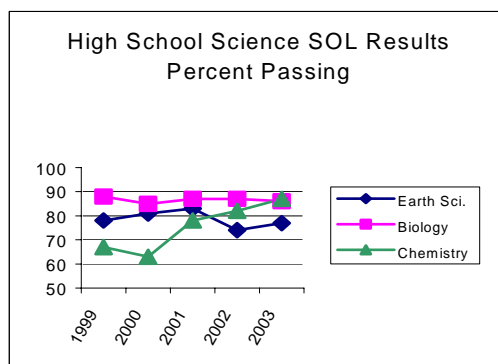
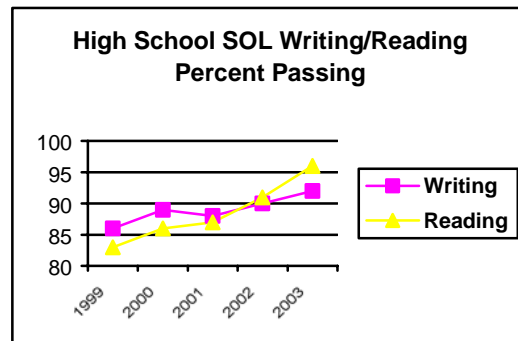
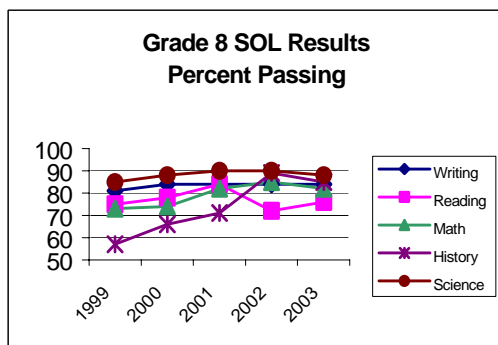
\*\* Scores for 2003 history include fourth- and fifth-grade students who took the test. For future administrations, only fourth-grade students will take the history test.



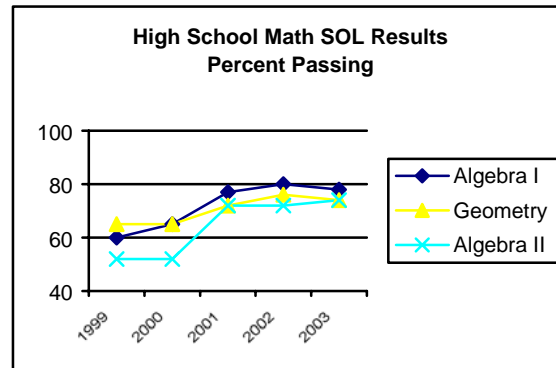


Chesterfield Co. Public Schools	GRADE 8					HIGH SCHOOL				
Percent passing	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Writing	81	84	84	84	84	86	89	88	90	92
Reading/lit/ research	75	78	84	72	76	83	86	87	91	96
Math	73	74	82	85	82					
Algebra 1				99	78	60	65	77	80	78
Geometry						65	65	72	76	74
Algebra II						52	52	72	72	74
History	57	66	71	89	85					
World History 1						81	84	90	88	88
World History 2						37	72	74	86	89
U.S. History						38	38	55	77	73
Science	85	88	90	90	88					
Earth Science						78	81	83	74	77
Biology						88	85	87	87	86
Chemistry						67	63	78	82	87

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools







## Title I

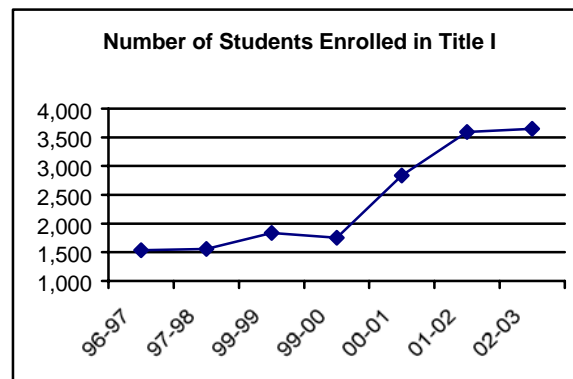
The Title 1 Program is a federal program that provides funding for elementary schools to provide extra help in reading and math for children needing it. A public school qualifies for Title 1 funding if it has a higher percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunches than the county average, since children from low-income families are at greater risk of not succeeding in school.

## Title 1 Enrollment

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
<b>Number of students enrolled in Title 1</b>	1,538	1,559	1,837	1,754	2,834	3,592	3,649*

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools

\* This number includes school-wide Title 1 programs at Bellwood, Bensley, Chalkley, Ettrick and Harrowgate.





## SPECIAL EDUCATION

In 2002-2003 7,896 young people ages 3-18 years old received special education. Special-education students account for 15 percent of all students enrolled in public schools in Chesterfield County.

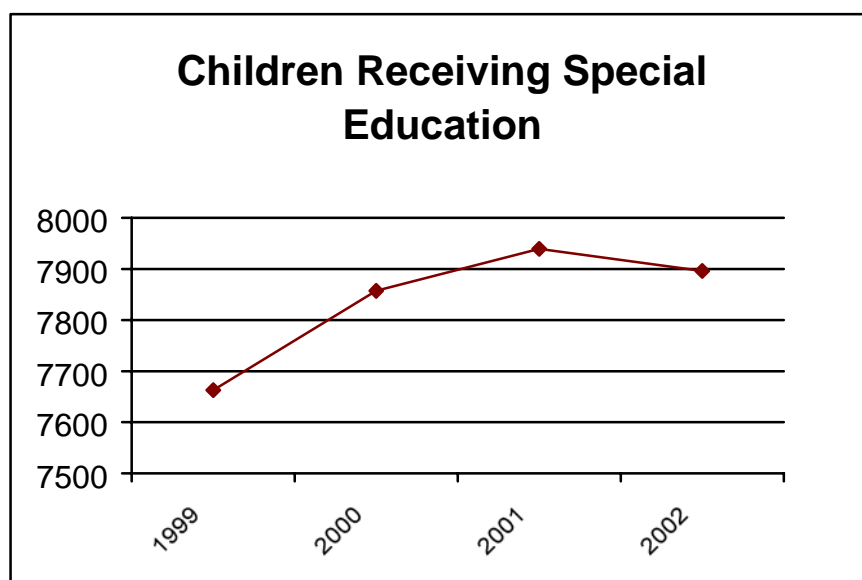
The figures presented in this section are based on 14 disability categories. The categories are mental retardation, severe disability, hearing impairments, speech or language impairments, visual impairments, emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, deafness-blindness, multiple disabilities, autism, traumatic brain injured and developmental delay.

### Children and Youths in Chesterfield County with Disabilities Receiving Special Education\*

	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Ages 3-5</b>	508	561	557	540
<b>Ages 6-10</b>	3,030	3,040	2,958	2,732
<b>Ages 11-15</b>	3,062	3,166	3,263	3,334
<b>Ages 16 and Up</b>	1,063	1,090	1,161	1,290
<b>Total</b>	7,663	7,857	7,939	7,896

Source: Virginia Department of Education

\*as of Dec. 1 of each year

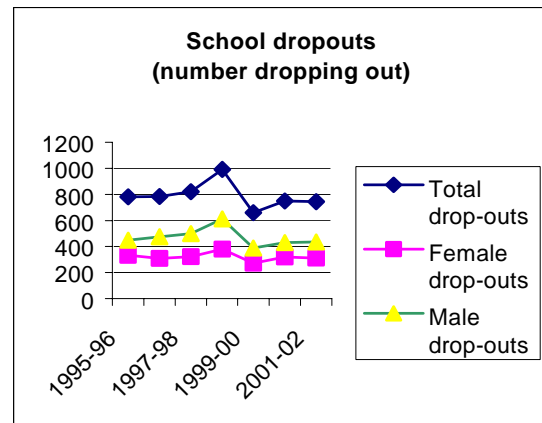
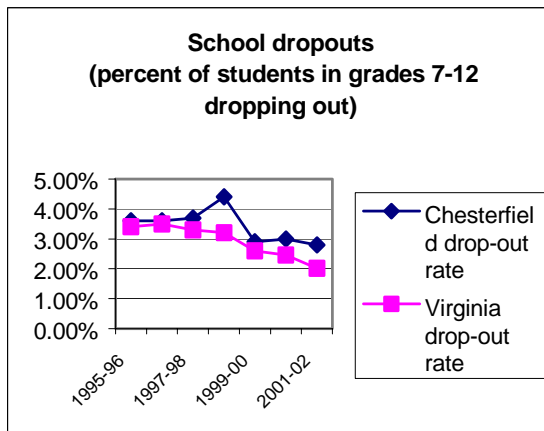




### School Dropouts

Chesterfield County Public Schools	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Total number of student drop-outs	782	821	992	659	749	744	378
Number of female drop-outs	308	323	381	272	319	310	139
Number of male drop-outs	474	498	611	387	430	434	239
Percent of students in 7-12 who dropped out	3.60%	3.70%	4.40%	2.90%	3.00%	2.80%	1.49%
Percent of students in Virginia in grades 7-12 who dropped out	3.50%	3.30%	3.20%	2.60%	2.46%	2.02%	%

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools



### Truancy

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Number of students with whom a conference was scheduled after the student had accumulated six absences	485	523	662

Source: Virginia Department of Education

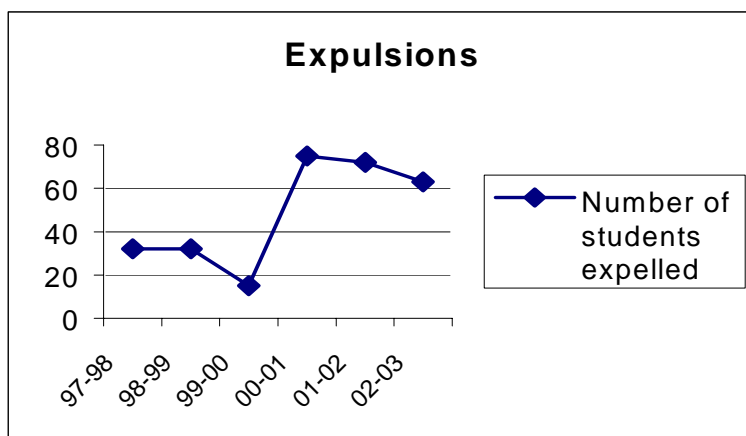


### Expulsions

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01*	2001-02	2002-03
<b>Number of students expelled</b>	36	32	32	15	75	72	63

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools

\* The increases beginning in 2000-01 can be attributed to the change in state law requiring expulsion of students found in possession of illegal drugs on school property or at school-sponsored activities.

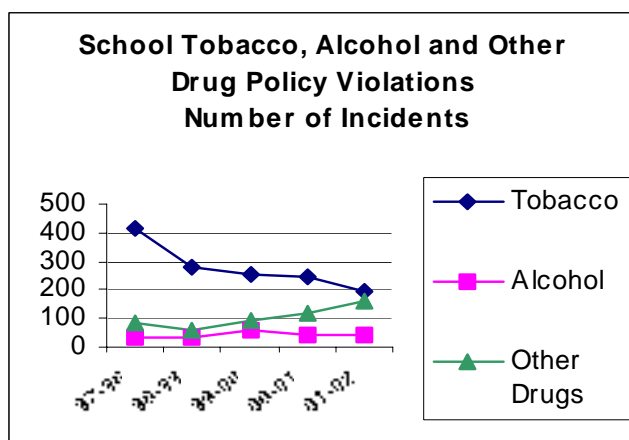


### School Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drug Policy Violations Number of Incidents\*

\* Some students may have more than one violation.

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
<b>Tobacco</b>	413	281	255	250	197
<b>Alcohol</b>	37	37	60	43	42
<b>Other Drugs</b>	84	56	95	117	158

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools





### School Violence and Safety Problems Number of Incidents

	1097-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Battery against staff by students	3	43	45	73	59
Battery against students by students		81	267	317	354
Fighting without injuries	1345	967	891	773	820
Fighting with injuries	13	90	7	12	3
Possession of firearm at school/school event	3	8	2	2	3
Possession of non-firearm weapon	41	59	42	71	30

Source: Virginia Department of Education

